

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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JULY 2013

April 27 – July 7 The Owl and the Woodpecker in Washington (traveling exhibit),
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Award-winning photographer, author, conservationist and Washington resident Paul Bannick examines the intertwined life histories of owls and woodpeckers, and the unique roles they have played in defining and enriching their often-threatened habitats. This is a Burke Museum Traveling Exhibit. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 14 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 15 – August 17 Nature Photography Contest (family activity)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have some great nature shots taken in Bellevue Parks that you want to share with the community? Enter Lewis Creek Park's Nature Photography Contest! The winner's photographs will be displayed at Bellevue Parks' environmental education centers. Winner will be announced on August 25th. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 2 “Hotel Transylvania” (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support The Sophia Way, a local non-profit. Items needed are grocery gift cards and bus passes. If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

July 4 Symetra Bellevue Family 4th, 2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
With rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air and a jam-packed lineup of festivities, the 2013 Symetra Bellevue Family 4th will bring the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration and fireworks show to Bellevue Downtown Park. The event features the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone, an international food court, live entertainment on the main stage and formal presentation of the colors. When twilight fades, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. This event is co-produced by the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association, and is sponsored by Symetra. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; prices vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- July 5** **Coyote (children's activity)**, 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wherever Coyote goes, you can be sure he'll get into mischief. This time Coyote has found real trouble! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/residents and \$3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #74256 or #74257. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 6** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike (family activity)**, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 7 and 14** **Maps (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although most of us rely on our smartphones to find our way around, turn-by-turn directions aren't available in the wilderness. Join a Mercer Slough Park Ranger to learn the basics of using a map and compass. We'll do a hands-on activity using a compass. **Ages:** All ages are welcome, but a basic understanding of addition/subtraction is needed. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 7** **How to Create a Backyard Wildlife Habitat**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Would you like to bring more wildlife to your yard? Are you attracting the kind of wildlife you would like to visit your backyard? Join us in learning about how to provide a useful and beautiful backyard habitat for busy bees, curious squirrels, musical birds and you! Learn how to have your outdoor space registered as a certified wildlife habitat that will benefit both you and your wildlife neighbors. **Ages:** 12 years and older; under 18 must be supervised by parent. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- July 7** **"Bees: Tales from the Hive" (movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m..
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Up-close footage filmed with specially developed macro lenses brings you the most intimate portrayal of a working bee colony ever filmed. Discover new-found facts about the strange and complex life of bees. Running time is 54 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 9** **Bastille Day Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- July 9** **“Thunderstruck” (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, a local non-profit. Items needed are school supplies and backpacks. If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- July 10** **Kelsey Creek Farm Gardening**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Pick from a variety of seeds, plant one to take home and watch it grow just like the gardens on the farm. Walk around the farm and see the plants that grow here at Kelsey. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Suggested donations of \$1 per person or \$5 per family are suggested to help support the farm. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 11** **Natural Start Preschool Open House**, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Visit Natural Start Preschool for an open house. This unique program combines Kindergarten readiness with experiences in nature, creative art exploration and lessons in healthy living. Two, three and five-day programs are available from September to June. **Ages:** 3 to 5 years old. **Cost:** Open house is free. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.naturalstartpreschool.com or 425-891-0764, or NWAC at 425-452-4106 .
- July 11** **Harmonica Pocket presents Roots and Branches Concert**, 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Pretend to dig a hole and climb a tree while enjoying songs about earthworms, bare feet and playing in the dirt. Presented by Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- July 13** **Monocular Making (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Magnifying things in nature can make them easier to learn about. We will make our own monocular and explore the park with our new eye! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/residents and \$3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #74324. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 14** **“Totally Tropical Rainforest” (children’s movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Take a totally tropical trip to the rain forest and meet spotted jaguars, colorful poison-arrow frogs, slow-moving sloths and loud-mouthed howler monkeys! Running time is 45 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 16** **“Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Dog Days” (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Ashoka Seattle, a local non-profit. Items needed are grocery gift cards and bus passes. If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- July 19** **Green Hour (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us every month for a Green Hour at Lewis Creek Park! Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 20** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fraser Cabin, Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.

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- July 20** **We Scream for Ice Cream**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Stay COOL this summer enjoying the wonderful world of ice cream. Spend a fun-filled morning creating art projects, making ice cream and decorating cookies. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #74963. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- July 20** **Weowna Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street
Bridges, waterfalls, and Bellevue's oldest trees live in Weowna Park. Explore this deep ravine that was restored using bioengineering techniques. Please dress for the weather, bring water, and wear sturdy shoes. Limited parking; we encourage carpooling. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (200 feet elevation). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 20** **Introduction to Birding with Eastside Audubon (family activity)**,
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join Eastside Audubon and learn about our fascinating feathered friends. Children will be intrigued by the bird mounts, fascinated by looking at feathers through a magnifying glass, and quiet listeners of the bird songs. Each child will leave with their own feeder to take home so they can watch birds eating in their own backyards. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Donations suggested. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #74325. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 20** **Pollinators in the Garden**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Who are the pollinators in your backyard? What do they do? Are they just bugs? Come discover all of the cool critters who help make flowers bloom and gardens bountiful! **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- July 23** **“Paranorman” (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Kinderling, a local non-profit. Items needed are grocery gift cards and bus passes. If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- July 24** **Rabbit Tales**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Teen farm volunteers and staff will introduce you to the world of domestic rabbits. Learn what they eat, where they live, how they like to be touched, listen to a story about bunnies, and do a craft project. **Ages:** All ages, family event; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Donations of \$1/person or \$5 per family are suggested to help support the farm. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 25** **Eric Ode presents The Big Dip Concert**, 11 a.m. – noon
Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
Join this award-winning songwriter and author, along with his pal, Weasel Pete, for a high-participation music and poetry program featuring songs about underground critters, buried treasure and all things muddy. This children's event will be held in the park, on the grass outside the Robinswood Barn. Presented by Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages, family event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 26** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Nature – Raccoon Nation"**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Attempting to do something that has never been done before, scientists closely follow a family of urban raccoons as they navigate the complex world of a big city. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 26-28** **The Zany Worm Booth at Kidsfair**, 9:15 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way
Sponsored by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, the Zany Worm Booth offers kids the opportunity to do hands-on garden activities. The fun begins with learning about and experiencing earthworms. Kids are challenged with Worm Trivia and information on these amazing garden creatures. Earthworm stamps, and coloring worm cards to take home, make this a memorable event. **Ages:** Children of all ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-451-3755.
- July 27** **Raccoons (Living with Wildlife Series)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Urban raccoon populations can get quite large, owing to hunting and trapping restrictions, few predators, and human-supplied food. Learn how to prevent conflicts with these crafty urban neighbors. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #74266. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 28** **“Tent Life in Siberia” by George Kennan (Naturalists’ Book Club),**
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Telegraph operator George Kennan signs on to build a telegraph line across Siberia in the late 1800s. His book is a well-written, fascinating account and very good American example of humorous, understated adventure writing. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 30** **“Life of Pi” (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support YouthCare, a local non-profit. Items needed are grocery gift cards and bus passes. If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- Aug 2** **Where Would I Be in an Evergreen Tree? (children's activity),**
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions, choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Meet all the creatures that call the Northwest woods their home. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 for residents; \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #74258 or #74259. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 2** **Bats at Twilight, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Bats Northwest will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Discover bats and the important role they play in nature and the food chain. Afterwards we will walk the grounds with a Bat Locator to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** 6 years and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Donations of \$1/person or \$5/family are suggested to help support Bats Northwest, a local non-profit organization. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 3** **Natural Start Preschool Open House, 10 a.m. – noon**
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Visit Natural Start Preschool for an open house. This unique program combines Kindergarten readiness with experiences in nature, creative art exploration and lessons in healthy living. Two, three and five-day programs are available from September to June. **Ages:** 3 to 5 years old. **Cost:** Open house is free. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.naturalstartpreschool.com or 425-891-0764, or NWAC at 425-452-4106 .
- Aug 3** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike (family activity), 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 4** **“Whales: An Unforgettable Journey” (movie), 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Experience breathtaking close-up encounters with the largest mammal that ever lived on earth – the Blue Whale. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 6** **Annual Trillium Celebration (Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Annual Meeting, open to the public), 6:30 p.m.**
12700 SE 32nd Street (Please note this event is NOT at the Garden.)
This year's special guest speaker is Steve Lorton, former editor of *Sunset Magazine*. There will be a hosted wine and cheese tasting, followed by dessert, coffee and champagne toast. Non-members are welcome. **Cost:** Free for BBGS members; \$30 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To reserve your space:** 425-452-4216. **Info:** annualmeeting@bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-4216.
- Aug 6** **“Parental Guidance” (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support iCareWeCare, a local non-profit. Items needed are grocery gift cards and bus passes. If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Aug 7** **Wool and Ewe, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
The farm staff will introduce you to our resident sheep. Learn things about sheep and experience the feel of real wool. Make a wooly craft to take home. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Donations of \$1/person or \$5/family are suggested to help support the farm. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 8** **Nancy Stewart presents I Dig Dinosaurs Concert, 11 a.m. - noon**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Take a musical journey to explore the lighter side of dinosaurs. From songs about dinosaurs driving cars, to the audience-choreographed “Continental Drift,” and, of course, digging for bones, a good time is guaranteed! Presented by Bellevue Friends of the Library in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Aug 10 Art of Etiquette #1 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen**, 9 a.m. – noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet manners are the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This fun, hands-on workshop teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners, introductions, personal care and posture. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #74360. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 10 Art of Etiquette #2 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This course is a natural follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen #1. One of the first social settings that children encounter is being a guest. Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor or host, are skills they will use lifelong. Boys and girls will learn about invitations, being a great guest and host, meeting and greeting others, polite conversation, giving and receiving gifts, basic table manners while neatly eating birthday cake, and how to create their own thank-you notes. It is not necessary to have taken Ladies and Gentlemen #1 to enroll in Ladies and Gentlemen #2. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #74356. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 10 Wild Tracks (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Walk with a park ranger through Lewis Creek looking for signs of wildlife: tracks, scat, rubbings, tunnels, etc. Each child will make and take home a plaster track! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 for residents; \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 74326. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 10 Owl Prowl (ranger program)**, 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Take a hike in the dark with a Ranger and look for owls and other nighttime wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or a headlamp for the journey, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.
- Aug 11 Animal House (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Wildlife at the Mercer Slough Nature Park makes all kinds of home. From the hummingbird to the beaver, they're all master builders! **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Aug 11** **“Platypus Cafe” (children’s movie), 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 13** **Celebrate Summer Dance, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Aug 13** **“Chasing Mavericks” (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Treehouse, a local non-profit. Items needed are clothes for kids (for ages 5-18 years old). If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Aug 15** **Linda Severt – the Looney Band Unearthed Show, 11 a.m. – noon**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
The Looney Band, featuring Marchette DuBois and Carter Rodriguez, offer this program in which three archeologists discover musical instruments belonging to an ancient band. Get ready for some hilarious fun and silly songs that will give you a serious case of the giggles! Presented by Bellevue Friends of the Library in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 15-18** **“The Jungle Book” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
August 15, 16, 17 and 18 at 7 p.m., and August 17 and 18 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
This thrilling adaptation of the classic story has all your friends. Mowgli, Baloo and Bagheera are together in the jungle as they battle the fierce Shere Khan and his allies. **Ages:** All ages; this production is suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** \$10/advanced or \$12 if purchased after August 9. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- Aug 17** **Pirate's Life for Me**, 10 a.m. – noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
A pirate's life for me! Join us for a whale of a time learning about pirates. Hunt for treasure, play games, do art, sing songs and make a treat to eat and enjoy! **Ages:** 3 to 6 years. **Cost:** \$30/residents and \$38/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #74962. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 17** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wilburton Instructional Service Center (WISC), 12241 Main Street (1/2 block east of Bellevue Botanical Garden)
This plant show and sale features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750.
- Aug 17** **South Bellevue Green Spaces Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lattawood Park, 4530 155th Avenue SE
Explore the unknown trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open space ravines guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. Please dress for the weather, bring water, and wear sturdy shoes. Limited parking; we encourage carpooling. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 17** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fraser Cabin, Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.

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- Aug 18** **Animal House (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Wildlife at the Mercer Slough Nature Park makes all kinds of home. From the hummingbird to the beaver, they're all master builders! **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 18** **Raptor Rapture (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the special adaptations of these magnificent birds. We will make our own pellets to replicate their lunch! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 for residents; \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 74327. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 20** **“Won’t Back Down” (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Bellevue LifeSpring, a local non-profit. Items needed are grocery gift cards, non-perishable food and toiletries. If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Aug 21** **End of Summer Picnic**, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
ElderMove Alliance will provide grilled hamburgers and a delicious lunch. Try the “Cupcake Walk,” play croquet, golf and bean bag baseball, and win some great bingo prizes! This event is always a lot of fun, with both indoor and outdoor activities. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 fee, payable at time of registration. **Pre-registration:** Required by August 14. **To register:** 425-452-7681, course #74627. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Aug 24** **Woof Walks in Nature**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue’s city parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. All dogs must be on a leash. Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LHarper@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

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- Aug 24** **Old Growth Forests: Hot Topics in Washington Conservation,**
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There are three million acres of Old Growth Forest to be found in Washington State. Find out where these pockets are, what calls them home and why they still exist today. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 25** **“Collapse” by Jared Diamond (Naturalists’ Book Club),** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Environmental damage, climate change, globalization, rapid population growth, and unwise political choices were all factors in the demise of societies around the world, but some found solutions and persisted. Diamond traces the fundamental pattern of catastrophe, and weaves an all-encompassing global thesis through a series of fascinating historical-cultural narratives. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 1** **“A Murder of Crows” (Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are widely thought of as nuisance animals, but recent research has given new insight into the minds of crows. Gain a new understanding of these social animals and their stunning mental capabilities, including facial recognition! Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 6** **“Adventures of Riley: Survival of the Salmon” by Amanda Lumry (Children’s Activity)**, 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions, choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join Riley and Alice as they attempt to crack a fishy mystery. Why are Pacific Salmon thriving while North Atlantic Salmon are endangered? We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, courses #75865 and #75867. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 7** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger in exploring the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 7** **Lake Hills Blueberry Festival/Open House**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lake Hills Elementary School, 14310 SE 12th Street
Join us for this event, celebrating “back to school” and our area’s rich blueberry harvest. In addition, Lake Hills Elementary School teachers will be available from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. to meet with students and their families. Sponsored by numerous community partners, including the City’s Wrap-Around Services program, this event brings together the Lake Hills neighborhood, Lake Hills Elementary School and the broader community. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-456-5312.

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- Sept 8 Hot Topics in Washington Conservation: The Wilderness Act,**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
The Wilderness Act was signed into law in 1964 “in order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States...” Join us to learn about Washington State’s wilderness areas, their controversies and the future of our wilderness lands. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 8 “Build It Beaver” (Children’s Movie), 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt Brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 10 Back to School Dance, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Sept 14 The Food Chain (Family Activity), 1p.m. – 2 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. Who do you depend on? Learn about the web of life as you create your very own food chain model to take home! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #75881. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 15 Tree Walk, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
Come learn about the native trees in your neighborhood! We’ll be going on a tree walk to learn how trees fit into our urban ecosystem and why they’re so valuable. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Sept 21** **Coal Creek Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. Please dress for the weather, bring water, and wear sturdy shoes. Limited parking; we encourage carpooling.
Distance: 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (380 feet elevation). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 21** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fraser Cabin, Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.
- Sept 21** **Green Hour (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us every month for a Green Hour at Lewis Creek Park! Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 22** **Mountain Beavers (Living with Wildlife series)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Not all beavers build dams! Come learn about another, more primitive rodent cousin to the North American Beaver that burrows instead of builds. Mountain beavers are not well known, but can create conflict due to their burrows. Learn how to identify signs of these elusive creatures, and how to prevent possible damage. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 24** **Drawing from Farm-Life**, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Drawing from Farm-Life teaches basic drawing skills and allows students to work from a variety of farm animals in their environment. Imagine – instead of copying from a picture, you could actually draw a real-life horse standing in front of you! **Ages:** 13-17 years old. **Cost:** \$45/residents and \$51/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course #75861. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Sept 27** **“NATURE: Animal House” (movie)**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
Some of the most amazing, creative and innovative structures on earth are not manmade or urban at all; they are residences built by animals in the natural world. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 29** **Tree Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
Come learn about the native trees in your neighborhood! We’ll be going on a tree walk to learn how trees fit into our urban ecosystem and why they’re so valuable. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary

Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Experience life in the 1800s by visiting our historic log cabin. Tour includes grinding wheat and coffee, turning butter, and other living history activities. These tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Daily, times vary

Kids on the Farm – Group Tours

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding, and create a wool sheep to take home. These group tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Every 1st Monday each month

Snocon Night, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road (within Highland Community Park)

Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present “Snocon Night.” Various games, best trick contest, and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come check it out - you may walk away with some cool prizes. **Info:** 425-452-2722. **Register:** not required.

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Every Monday

Youth Link Marketing Committee, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE

Learn marketing through hands-on training and activities! Marketing team members work on the Bellevue Patch, YouthConnect, an online youth publication, develop marketing materials for the program and develop other marketing strategies using social media. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov.

Last Monday each month

Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road

Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Tuesday

2013 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov.

Every Tuesday

2014 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Meeting, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan a biennial city-wide youth conference in Bellevue. Decide with other teens on selecting themes, workshops and speakers. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

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1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes, first Saturdays – September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (The walk on Saturday, July 20, will be our “Pollinators in the Garden” program.)

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (No walks offered on March 16 or April 20.)

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington’s largest wetland and Bellevue’s second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Saturdays and Sundays (May through September)

Canoe the Mercer Slough, 8:45 a.m. - noon

Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water, and see how this amazing wetland ecosystem functions. Participants are required to paddle the entire distance of four miles. Trip begins and ends at Enatai Beach Park. Some paddling experience is required. Up to three people per canoe. Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** Ages 5 years and older only. Children and youth must have at least one adult present for every two children/youth. **Cost:** \$16 for Bellevue residents; \$18 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. ***Suggested donation:*** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

Info/Pre-register: 425-452-7681.